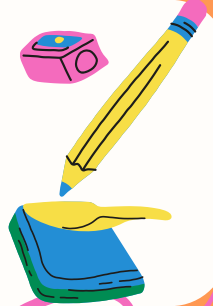




Hawk Herald

Colene Hoose Bird's Eye View

SEPTEMBER, 2025 | FALL



NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL, MS. TENUTA



Dear Hoose Hawk Families,

What a great start to the school year!

Getting into a morning routine can be difficult, but please keep in mind that students adjust much better to school when they arrive on time (by 7:45am) and are able to transition into the classroom with their classmates. Please let us know if we can help support you with this! The staff will be working together on our September 26th Institute day with educators across Unit 5. As always, we strive to meet our mission with our work here at Hoose:

We are HOOSE! Community, our pride; learning, our purpose; integrity, our pledge!

Thank you for your partnership! ~ Gina Tenuta

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, Sept. 9th

10:45 Early Release

Friday, Sept. 12th

Popcorn Day!

Thursday, Sept. 25th

Hoose-N-Anny!

Friday, Sept. 26th

Institute Day- No School

SCHOOL SECURITY PROCEDURES-

All Unit 5 Schools use a safety feature called Verkada. When you come to visit Hoose for any reason, you will need to bring your driver's license. You will scan your license and a visitor badge will be printed out for you to wear while in the building.

Thank you for your help in keeping Hoose a safe learning environment!

2025-26 UNIT 5 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR



Hoose PTO

Mark your Calendars!! Join us for the next PTO meeting!

We are looking forward to meeting you on

Monday, September 29th at 6 pm

In the Hoose North Gym

Portillo's FUNDRAISER

Join us at Portillo's for a fundraiser to support:
Colene Hoose PTO

When: **Tuesday, September 9th**
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

at the Portillo's located at:
202 Landmark Drive
Normal, IL

Lunch & Recess Times

Grade	Lunch	Recess
K	11:00-11:25	10:35-11:00
1st	11:30-11:55	11:05-11:30
2nd	12:00-12:25	11:35-12:00
3rd	12:00-12:25	11:35-12:00
4th	11:00-11:25	10:35-11:00
5th	11:30-11:55	11:05-11:30



Colene Hoose Elementary School
600 Grandview Dr. Normal, IL 61761

Office Hours: 7:15am-3:00pm

Main Office: 309-557-4414
Attendance Line: 309-557-4463

*Please call the attendance line before 8:00a.m. if your child is absent, late, or needs to leave early.



SCHOOL SAFETY DRILL SEPTEMBER 10TH



Colene Hoose will be holding our school safety drill on Wednesday, September 10th at 9:00am. As a matter of teaching and learning how to respond to an emergency, each year we are to practice lockdown and evacuate with our first responder agencies in our Law Enforcement teams.

Below is the Unit 5 School Safety Drill Letter-

Hello Unit 5 Families,

Part of our mission to keep all of our stakeholders safe involves teaching best practices for responding to emergency situations. Over the past few years we have worked to strengthen these practices with our first responders throughout our area. Our school community has adopted and practiced the Standard Response Protocols by the ILoveUGuys Foundation. The standard response protocols are based on five actions that can be done to respond to all emergencies.

- HOLD - During a HOLD, students would stay in their classroom with the teacher and wait for an all-clear before moving to the next class. We might call a HOLD for a spill or other unsafe situation in the hallway.
- SECURE - We would call a SECURE if there was an unsafe event happening outside of the school. Exterior doors are all checked and students are not allowed to leave the building until it is safe.
- LOCKDOWN - A LOCKDOWN would be called if an extremely unsafe situation existed in the school. Students and staff would lockdown their classrooms until police could secure the building.
- EVACUATE - In the case of a fire, gas leak, or any other situations that make inside the building unsafe, we would EVACUATE the building using plans that are posted in each classroom.
- SHELTER - If weather conditions are unsafe, we would call a SHELTER which would cause students to move to the safest locations within our building.

For more details, a parent handout is linked [here](#).

As a matter of teaching and learning how to respond in an emergency, each year the last three actions are practiced with our first responder agencies in our Law Enforcement and Fire Drills. Under the School Safety Drill Act, a law enforcement drill must be observed within the first 90 days of school. This year we will NOT be leaving campus to go to our reunification site at Eastview.

Thank you,
Gina Tenuta

COLENE HOOSE'S



Hoose-N-Anny!



SEPTEMBER 25TH!
DURING THE SCHOOL DAY!

- WHO: EACH CLASS!
- WHAT: A WESTERN THEMED DAY FULL OF OUTDOOR FUN & GAMES
- WEAR: WEATHER-APPROPRIATE WESTERN WEAR THAT CAN BE WORN PLAYING OUTDOOR GAMES

PARENTS: WE NEED YOUR HELP! IF YOU
WOULD LIKE TO DONATE ITEMS OR
VOLUNTEER THE DAY OF THE EVENT, PLEASE

[SIGN UP - LINK](#)



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PICK-UP & DROP-OFF REMINDERS



Morning Drop-Off

- Drop-off starts at 7:25 and ends at 7:45am
- Please pull all the way forward to get as many cars in the drop off section as possible
- Once you get to the curb, please have your child ready to quickly get out of the car
- Student should get out on the curb side of the car only
- Parents, please stay in your cars as we need to keep the line moving
- Do not pass cars in the lane. Stay in one line throughout the drop off line
- Reminder that breakfast starts at 7:25, if your child needs breakfast please try to get here in enough time for them to finish before the start of the day at 7:45

Afternoon Pick-Up

- Two pick-up lanes off of Grandview Drive
- Kindergarten pick-up starts at 2:25 and 1st-5th Grade pick-up starts at 2:30
- Families with the last name starting with A-L use pick up lane #1 (1st Turn)
- Families with the last name starting with M-Z use pick up lane #2 (2nd Turn)
- Parents need to stay in their car and wait in the car line, we need to ensure that the line keeps moving.
- If you need to assist your child with buckling, please pull past the loading zone and to the side.
- Please remind your child to be waiting in their grade level line outside watching for your car.
- Pick-up ends at 2:45

hello



Each week students are nominated by a teacher for going above and beyond with our monthly goal! Thanks to our partnership with La Gondola, students are rewarded with a free pizza coupon!

September's focus:

BE Friendly

- ☆ Make new friends
- ☆ Be a buddy, not a bully
- ☆ Respect others' personal bubble
- ☆ Be a friend to everyone



COLENE HOOSE
ELEMENTARY

WE'RE HIRING!

NOON HOUR SUPERVISORS

WHAT YOU'LL DO:

- KEEP AN EYE ON STUDENTS WHILE THEY EAT AND PLAY
- SUPPORT SAFE, POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INDOORS AND ON THE PLAYGROUND
- STEP IN WITH A HELPING HAND (OR A BAND-AID!) WHEN NEEDED
- ENCOURAGE KINDNESS, TEAMWORK, AND FUN

WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT:

FLEXIBLE, PART-TIME HOURS RIGHT AROUND LUNCH
FRESH AIR, FRIENDLY FACES, AND LOTS OF SMILES
A CHANCE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE EVERY DAY

[CLICK HERE TO FIND OUT MORE!](#)